

Idaho Geospatial Committee: Minutes

IGC, December 4, 2003

Call to Order

Background: Jonathan Perry: Chair

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Jonathan Perry called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. He advised this meeting would serve as a strategic planning session for the Committee.

Attendance

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Members/Designates Present: Mike Beaty, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Nathan Bentley, ITRMC Staff; Gail Ewart, GeoNexus; Tracy Fuller, U.S. Geological Survey; Nancy Glenn, Idaho State University; Dennis Hill, City of Pocatello; *Karen LaMotte, Idaho State Library; Tony Morse, Department of Water Resources; Frank Mynar, Idaho Power Company; Jonathan Perry, Bureau of Disaster Services; Craig Rindlisbacher, Madison County/City of Rexburg; Frank Roberts, Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Members Absent: Dr. Charles Bolles, Idaho State Library; Senator Hal Bunderson, Idaho State Senate; Bart Butterfield, Department of Fish and Game; Roger Hirschman, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS); Mike McDowell, Kootenai County;

Others Present: Gene Dana, U.S. Geological Survey; Liza Fox, Idaho Transportation Department; Emily Gales, ITRMC Staff; Bruce Godfrey, University of Idaho; Dan P. Jensen, City of Idaho Falls; Lily Wai, University of Idaho

*Designate

Approval of Minutes, 9/3/2003

Background:

Notes

During a September 3 discussion, it was suggested that a proposed effort to develop data sets (by global positioning system) for county centerlines was inconsistent with the Idaho Geospatial Data Implementation Plan (I-Plan) (see: <http://www2.state.id.us/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/m030903.htm#newbusiness>). As a follow-up, Gail Ewart, GeoNexus, advised the effort was in fact consistent with the I-Plan.

Motion: Nathan Bentley moved and Frank Roberts seconded a motion to approve the September 3, 2003, IGC Meeting Minutes, and the motion passed unanimously.

Recap IGUM

Background: The Idaho Geospatial Users' Meeting (IGUM)—in conjunction with the Southwest Idaho Geospatial Users' Meeting—was held October 22 and 23 at the Washington Group International, Inc. World Headquarters, Central Plaza Auditorium (Morrison Knudsen

[MK] Plaza), Boise.

Notes

Nathan Bentley, ITRMC Staff, provided a report. One hundred ten state geographic information system (GIS) users attended the meetings. Local, state, and federal governmental agencies were represented, as well as all Idaho tribes and a few GIS software vendors.

There was a focus on local government during October 22 discussions; October 23 discussions were dedicated to Idaho state government-related issues.

It had been suggested a web-enabled facility be found for next year's IGUM.

There were some concerns about state representatives popping in and out of the meeting. This was discussed in more detail; and some members suggested the agenda be posted by an earlier date. It was also suggested the meeting location be rotated to other areas of the state.

Meeting presentations would be posted to the ITRMC website (see: <http://www2.state.id.us/itrmc/events/igum.htm>).

Nathan also updated the group on GIS Day/Southeast Idaho Geospatial Users' Meeting activities.

Presentations to Legislative Committees

Background: Nathan had recently made presentations to various groups, Legislative and otherwise.

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Nathan had been asked to present on state GIS-related issues to meetings of the Statewide Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC), and of the Idaho Legislative E911 Task Force on E911 Services Subcommittee. He provided information on issues raised at these meetings.

Facilitating Cooperative Arrangements (see Executive Order 2001-07)

Background: The IGC has a responsibility to *Promote cooperation among state, federal, tribal and local agencies, universities and the private sector in addressing geographic data and information needs and services in Idaho* and *Facilitate cooperative and contract agreements to develop and maintain high-priority geospatial databases and applications programs*. How can the IGC actively achieve these goals?

Notes

Jonathan wondered how the IGC could promote cooperation. He asked members to identify state GIS priorities, if any.

Priorities identified (**bolded** items are top priorities):

- **Execute/promote I-plan**
- Find out what others are doing, for possible collaboration opportunities
- Broaden participation/collaboration to policy level
- Identify advocate(s) at policy level
- **Establish promotional/education effort (marketing plan)**
- Develop better relationships with IT staff
- Work toward integration of GIS in agency it processes

- Adopt standard(s) for framework data use
 - Align IGC with ITRMC
 - **Continue promoting INSIDE Idaho**
 - **Promote local government legislation prepared by Sheldon Bluestein of Ada County**
 - Invite relevant committees to voice how IGC can meet their needs
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Next Meeting

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There was consensus to hold the next IGC meeting on Thursday, March 11, 2004, at 10 a.m.

New Business

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In a poll of state agencies regarding 2004 representation to the IGC, no one expressed interest in participating. Bart Butterfield (Department of Fish and Game), Tony Morse (Department of Water Resources), and Jonathan would remain members of the Committee unless directed otherwise.

Adjourn

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Jonathan adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.